--- “Series of 1883” - 50 Cigars – GREEN - 407 x 22 mm ---

The catalogue lists the green fifty cigar “Series of 1883” strips as follows:

***--- lithographed* - three beavers *with foliage* ---**

RG-283(L) - 50 cigars, green, perforated 12, *lithographed*, with 4 mm. Montreal blue controls

--- *recess printed* by hand press - <u>a single beaver</u> *without foliage* - 395 x 22 mm. ---

RG-290 - 50 cigars, green, coarse roulette, *recess printed* by hand press, with 5 mm. blue Ottawa controls

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3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886)	John McKay records 2,900 *lithographed* copies of “50 Green Cigars” as delivered.
4th BABN Contract (1886-1892)	John McKay records 34,963 *lithographed* and 9,000 *recess printed* by hand press copies of “50 Green Cigars” as delivered.
5th BABN Contract (1892-1897)	John McKay records 165,137 *recess printed* by hand press copies of “50 Green Cigars” as delivered.

3rd BABN Contract	2,900 lithographed	**000001** to **002900** - **RG-283(L)**
4th BABN Contract	34,963 lithographed	**002901** to **037863** - **RG-283(L)**
4th BABN Contract	9,000 recess printed (by hand press)	**037864** to **046863** - **RG-290**
5th BABN Contract	165,137 recess printed (by hand press)	**046864** to **212000** - **RG-290**

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three beavers *with foliage* - scanned at 150% scale
the initial *lithographed* ‘beaver’ design for the **3rd BABN Contract** of 1878

recess printed by hand press - the single beaver in the pond, *without foliage* - scanned at 150% scale
the second re-working of the ‘beaver’ design for the **4th BABN Contract** of 1886

The collection *does not* contain a copy of **G-230**, the *lithographed* coarse roulette with 5 mm. Ottawa controls, from the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892) - i.e. with a control in the range of **002901** to **037863**.

--- “Series of 1883” - 50 Cigars - GREEN - 407 x 22 mm. - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---

--- lithographed on horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. blue Montreal controls ---

--- RG-283(L) - perforated 12 - three beavers *with foliage* - scanned at 40% scale ---

★**RG-283(L)** - 50 cigars, perforated 12, green, *lithographed* on horizontal mesh wove, with 4 mm. control **001337**, three beavers *with foliage* - from the 3rd BABN Contract - printed and control numbered in Montreal

★**RG-283(L) TP** - 50 cigars, perforated 12, green, *lithographed* on horizontal mesh wove, *without* control numbering, three beavers *with foliage* - from the 3rd BABN Contract - printed in Montreal

001337★	RG-283(L)	50 cigars, green, perforated 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove
002294★	RG-283(L)	50 cigars, green, perforated 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, missing the left end
002225	RG-283(L)	50 cigars, green, perforated 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove
002357	RG-283(L)	50 cigars, green, perforated 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove
002371	RG-283(L)	50 cigars, green, perforated 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove
002458	RG-283(L)	50 cigars, green, perforated 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove
002524★	RG-283(L)	50 cigars, green, perforated 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove
002527	RG-283(L)	50 cigars, green, perforated 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove
002535★	RG-283(L)	50 cigars, green, perforated 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove
002577★	RG-283(L)	50 cigars, green, perforated 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove
002591	RG-283(L)	50 cigars, green, perforated 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove
002620	RG-283(L)	50 cigars, green, perforated 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove
002647	RG-283(L)	50 cigars, green, perforated 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove
002652	RG-283(L)	50 cigars, green, perforated 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove
002672	RG-283(L)	50 cigars, green, perforated 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove

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The “Series of 1883” stamps and strips occur with 4 mm. purple Gothic control numbering. I feel that these were prepared for a Philatelic Exhibition held in the mid-1880’s. These are not a part of any production control sequence.

★**RG-283(L) SP** - 50 cigars, green, perforated 12, *lithographed* on horizontal mesh wove, three beavers *with foliage*, with 4 mm. Gothic purple control **1 0 4 9 0 3**, scanned at 40% and 100% scale

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--- RG-290 - “Series of 1883” - 50 Cigars - GREEN - 407 x 22 mm. - 5th BABN Contract (1892-1897) ---

--- recess printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove - with 5 mm blue control numbers ---

--- RG-290 - *coarse roulette* - a single beaver *without foliage* - scanned at 40% scale ---

★**RG-290** - 50 cigars, green, coarse roulette, *recess printed* on horizontal mesh wove, with 5 mm. control **152290**, a single beaver *without foliage* - from the 5th BABN Contract

152269	RG-290	50 cigars, green, coarse roulette, *recess printed* on horizontal mesh wove
152278★	RG-290CP	50 cigars, green, coarse roulette, *recess printed* on horizontal mesh wove, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters - a suspect stamping
152287	RG-290	50 cigars, green, coarse roulette, *recess printed* on horizontal mesh wove
152290★	RG-290	50 cigars, green, coarse roulette, *recess printed* on horizontal mesh wove

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The collection *does not* contain a copy of **RG-290**, recess printed under the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892) - i.e. with a control in the range of **037864** to **046863**.

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